

Health Care Reform

- Our health care system is too large and complex to manage at the federal level---and too important to be debated outside the earshot of citizens.
- Under one year under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, we are further away from a cure
 - Early results show that it limits freedoms and increases cost – evidenced by the 1,040 waivers granted to states and organizations that sought exemptions from the new regulations

Governor Rick Snyder's policy of taking federal handouts via grants will lead to state run Obamacare

- Having Michigan request monies from the Federal Government via grant application causes an increasing commitment by the state to submit to Obamacare
- The consequences of allowing such a transaction would be the following:
 - Michigan will now be responsible for ensuring that carriers do not follow the laws' enormous financial incentives to avoid, mistreat, and dump the sick
 - You would have to run a reinsurance program and a risk-adjustment program
 - You would have to define and monitor "network adequacy" as well as each insurance carriers service area
 - You would have to monitor each carriers marketing material
 - You would have to monitor and enforce carriers compliance with the law's other anti-discrimination provisions
 - You would have to fund and monitor the "navigators" the law envisions
 - You would have to fund the Exchange in 2015 and beyond, perhaps with a premium tax
 - Then there is all the reporting you would have to do to Washington, the approvals you would have to obtain and the months and months of waiting for an answer on everything

The governor needs to forgo submitting the second grant application to the Federal Government and focus on HB 4693

Many states have already returned their grant money to start a Health Care Compact

Michigan does not have the money to afford Obamacare – we have 40% unemployment, we have national inflation (so to tax those with a premium will put families living within an already tight budget), state regulated Obamacare will take more money out of infrastructure and schools

Solution – Health Care Compact (HB 4693, Health Care Compact bill introduced by Representative Tom McMillin – May 2011)

- Health Care Compact (HCC) is a governance reform
- It would change who decides health care policy, not who or what is covered
- Enables citizens to engage in the policy process at the state level
- Prescribe laws that match the needs of their communities
- Goal – Allow Americans to exercise greater control over their health care options.
- ACCOMPLISHED BY RELIEVING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RETURNING IT TO THE STATES